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October 6, 1978

Mr. John Hunter
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Dear John:

E-3965-B - Mass. Pine Tree 12d Noe 10. Wt. 3.97407 grams (61.3 grains) and 10.27 specific gravity (ANACS weight of 3.89 grams and sp. gr. of 12.78 are in error).

It has a concave edge depression between IN and MAS on the obverse and over the right upright of M on the reverse. In this part the edge has what appear to be porosity holes on the edge as well as file marks. This indicates that a sprue could have been at this point for a centrifugal casting.

This coin has botches of black oxidation on both sides which seem to have resulted from attempted coloration by placing it in a wood or coal fire. It has scratches to the right of the t r e e which appear cast. It has a depressed blotch under the X which is unnatural in view of the fullness of the X.

The reverse appears more strongly struck than the obverse.

The most unusual defect is its short weight. It is full diameter on both faces and unclipped. Its wear is minor yet it weighs only 61.3 grains which is almost 15% below the standard of 72 grains. This could not happen from deterioration from burial and leave the reverse strong.

There are sunken dots under the second A of MASATHVSETS which are raised dots in the original, but this can happen from deterioration to the original coin.

There is an unnatural blotch between the right base of N in IN and the inner circle.

There appears to be a strengthening of the cross bar and right side of the second A of MASATHVSETS which is not on normal examples.

This piece in our opinion is a forgery. It is probably made by a casting process.

The submitter should be asked to furnish detailed source data before it is returned. That data should be furnished to the authenticators for review and reconsideration.

The coin is returned herewith. We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Obverse of forgery of Massachusetts Pine Tree shilling showing scratches which are too smooth due to casting. The piece is also 15% low in weight.

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Reverse of forgery of Massachusetts Pine Tree shilling showing planchet defects which are too smooth due to casting.

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was submitted by ANACS to Pucher
in May 1978 when I was in the
hospital. It was sent to
ANACS by Michael Wheatley
Grants Pass, Oregon

Bob from Richard Coram
4881 Lone Oak Rd SE
Salem Oregon 97303

Not final

E-3965B Mass Pine Tree 12d Noe 10

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(omitted) Sp. Gr. 10.27 (ANACS sp. gr. of 12.78 is in error)

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The most unusual defect is its short weight. It is full diameter on both faces and unclipped. Its wear is minor. Yet it weighs only 60.1 grains which is 16½% below the standard of 72 grains. Assuming a normal piece might originally weigh only 70 grains this piece is still 14% underweight.

There are sunken dots under the second A of MASATHVSETS which are raised dots in the original.

There is a blotch between the right base of N in IN and the inner circle. This is unnatural.

There is a strengthening of the cross bar and right side of the second A of MASATHVSETS which is not on the normal examples.

This piece is in our opinion a forgery. It is probably die struck and the dies are apparently made by a molding process.

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This piece was examined by us about May 1977 and reexamined in August 1977. It was submitted to another authenticator in July 1977 at our request.

It has a ~~[redacted]~~ concave edge depression between IN and MAS on the obverse and over the right upright of M on the reverse. ~~This~~ ~~[redacted]~~ ~~[redacted]~~ In this part the edge has ~~[redacted]~~ what appear to be porosity holes on the edge as well as file marks. This indicates that ~~[redacted]~~ a sprue ~~[redacted]~~ could have been at this point for a centrifugal casting.

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~~September 13, 1978~~
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